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SUBJ: VISIT OF DEPUTY MINISTER OF CULTURE POPOV: TALKING POINTS

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1. FOR SPECIFICS REGARDING "DECLINE IN QUALITY OF SERVICES," DEPARTMENT ATTENTION IS CALLED TO EMB'S COMMUNICATIONS TO CU/ARTS ON ALL ASPECTS OF MOST RECENT US PAG IN USSR, ROBERT JOFFREY BALLET. EMBASSY BELIEVES SUBJECT, WHICH IS IN PART COMPLEX, INTERNAL, POLITICAL MATTER, HAS BEEN COVERED AS FULLY AS UNDERSTOOD AT PRESENT. EMB WISHES POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS GOSKONTSERT'S AND MINCULT'S IMPAIRED ACCESS TO SOVIET ACCOMMODATIONS NOT RPT NOT "SOVIET HOSPITALITY" (REFTEL A, PARA 1) WHICH IS QUOTE NOT UP TO STANDARD UNQUOTE. FACT IS, FOR EXAMPLE, THREE OF FOUR HOTELS ON JOFFREY TOUR WERE LESS THAN FIRST CLASS, WITH CONSEQUENT LEVEL OF FOOD, SERVICES AND COMFORT, AND FAR FROM THEATERS. NEGATIVE IMPACT OF THIS KIND OF HANDLING ON PERFORMERS AND EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN GENERAL IS OBVIOUS. TRADITIONAL SOVIET HOSPITALITY, MEANING WARMTH OF ACCEPTANCE AND SINCERITY OF APPRECIATION BY SOVIET AUDIENCES REMAINS UNCHANGED, AND IN THE ERA OF DETENTE IS SHOWING SIGNS OF BEING LESS RESTRAINED (E.G. "COUNTRY MUSIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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USA" HAS BEEN SHOWN THREE TIMES ON NATION-WIDE SOVIET TV

AND JOFFREY COULD HAVE BEEN HAD UNION RULES BEEN RELAXED).

2. QUESTION OF INCLUDING CLOSED CITIES ON ITINERARIES FOR US PAG'S SHOULD DEFINITELY BE RAISED. FYI: KAZAN WAS ONCE A CLOSED CITY, BUT WAS OPENED FOR A MONTH-LONG SHOWING OF USIA EXHIBITION "RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT" IN 1972
END FYI.

3. FOR FUTURE ITINERARIES, FOLLOWING CLOSED SOVIET CITIES SHOULD BE GIVEN CONSIDERATION: GOR'KIY, KUYBYSHEV, CHELYABINSK, DNEPROPETROVSK, PERM', SARATOV, TARTU, DAUNAS, VLADIVOSTOK, AND SVERDLOVSK.

4. RE PARA 3, REFTEL A, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS GOSKONTSEK DEPUTY DIRECTOR V.M. KOKONIN (OR OTHER GOSK REP) BE INVITED TO US AT TIME CONVENIENT TO DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW ALL PERTINENT GROUPS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR 1975-76. IN THE CASE OF KOKONIN, PROGRAM SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE IN-DEPTH EXPOSURE TO AMERICAN CULTURAL SCENE.
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